

Town Council Meeting: 14 November 2005



Town of Garrett Park
PO Box 84
4600 Waverly Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Shawaker called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Benjamin, Bennett, Soltan, and Wegner, Administrator Pratt, and a number of Town residents.

Approval of Agenda: The Mayor indicated her desire to withdraw the introduction of the speed limit and parking ordinances. Councilmember Benjamin noted that the minutes of the October meeting had just been received, and that Councilmembers had not had time to review them. After brief discussion Councilmember Benjamin **MOVED**

The Mayor's request to delete two items and that approval of the minutes of the October meeting be postponed until the December meeting.

Councilmember Wegner seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Shawaker reported that Constantine Seferlis' two sons were donating a stone carving by Constantine to the Town, and that the \$1,500 that had been collected by some Town residents would be adequate to pay for the carving's installation in front of Penn Place.
- The Mayor further reported that there was to be a shift in the Penn Place tenants. Suzi Rosloff is leaving, John Bennett is moving into her space, and Barbara Black will be renting John's space. The tenants would work out any monetary adjustments amongst themselves and the appropriate leases would be assigned to the new occupants of each space. The Town Attorney, David Podolsky has drawn up the necessary papers for the lease assignments.
- Mayor Shawaker pointed out that in order for a parking or speed limit to be enforceable by police there has to be an ordinance for that limit. She noted that Somerset, Chevy Chase Section 3, and Chevy Chase View hire off-duty Chevy Chase Village police to enforce their traffic control ordinances.

Councilmember's Reports

- Councilmember Soltan raised the issue of the planned meeting of the Penn Place Parking Committee that was postponed by the Mayor, stating he felt the committee was owed an apology. After discussion, it was the sense of the Council that the Committee was properly following the directives of the Council and should re-schedule it's meeting with Paul Upton of Ballard engineering as soon as possible and report back to the Council.
- Councilmember Wegner reported that he had met with resident Walt Marable at his property to discuss repairs to the Town storm drains located there. He further reported he was pursuing the issue of installation of the new lenses, lamps and ballasts in the Strathmore Avenue Street lights, and that the iron handrails on a number of the Strathmore retaining walls were to be installed shortly. Also, he reported he had asked SHA for a revised planting plan for Strathmore Avenue, and was trying to find the time to get out to view samples of possible veneers for the retaining walls.
- Councilmember Bennett reported that the Historic Preservation Committee has agreed that recent County Council action regarding building heights in the R-90 zone made further action on amending the Garrett Park Overlay District unnecessary at this time.
- Councilmember Soltan reported that the Arboretum Committee had met on Sunday, November 13th and had reviewed the Arboretum budget. Due to the unanticipated number of large tree takedowns, including two that were originally intended to be paid for in the FY 2005 budget, the committee found its FY 2006 budget was mostly spent, leaving little funding for the planting of new trees in the spring. He indicated the committee felt that an additional \$10,000 was needed and requested that the Council consider adding that amount to the Arboretum budget when it did its mid-year review of the budget.
- Resident Chuck Berry reported that the Parks and Open Space Committee had met at Garrett-Waverly Park on Saturday, November 5th, and would be submitting comments and recommendations regarding the park.

Action/Discussion:

- Adoption of Ordinance 2005-05: Amending Chapter 1. General Provisions: To allow County enforcement in Garrett Park of the recently adopted County Code regulation regarding improper public activity – Mayor Shawaker noted that this ordinance had been introduced at the November meeting and asked for a vote to adopt. Councilmember Wegner **MOVED**
That Ordinance 2005-05, having been duly introduced at the October meeting, be adopted. Councilmember Soltan seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

Town Administrator Report: Town Administrator Pratt asked if there were questions regarding the Monthly Financial statements or the FY 2005 Audit. Councilmember Benjamin noted that he was working with Administrator Pratt

on both the format of the budget and the mid-year budget review, and expected to have a report for the Council at the December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

[TOWN SEAL]

Edwin Pratt, Jr., Clerk-Treasurer